Order of Service

Musical Prelude Processional Ministers & Family **Family Visitation** 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Freeman Call to Worship Invocation **Opening Selection** Mass Choir **Old Testament Scripture Rev. Darryl Scales New Testament Scripture** Rev. Benjamin Sudderth Prayer of Comfort Selection "I Shall Wear A Crown" Sister Irene K. Sudderth Obituary Silently with soft music Resolution "The Lord Is My Shepherd" Mass Choir Selection Please respect a 2 minute time frame Tributes 1960 Class Representative Poem Sister Josephine Killian **Brotherly Reflection of Memories** Rev. Darryl Scales Selection Rev. Renae McClain Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Freeman Eulogy Recessional

Flag Presentation

Committal/Interment

Benediction

-Interment-Southside Cemetery Hickory, North Carolina

> Floral Bearers Family & Friends

Pall Bearers Family & Friends

"I'M FREE"

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard him call. I turned my back and left it all I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work or play Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've found that peace at the close of day If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things I too will miss Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow My life's been full, I've savored much, Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch If my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief



In Gratitude

We want to express our heartfelt thanks for your support, sympathy, and acts of loving care during this difficult time. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and how you have helped our family. Your kindness will always be remembered.

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Celebration of Life for Robert Louis Killian



Bob/Bobby

Sunrise: July 25, 1942 - Sunset: January 16, 2025

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025 2:00 PM

CLINTON TABERNACLE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA

REVEREND DR. ANTHONY J. FREEMAN, PASTOR



ROBERT LOUIS KILLIAN SR.

Our beloved Robert (Bob/Bobby) Louis Killian, 82 of Hickory, NC was born in Catawba County, NC on July 25, 1942, to the late John David Thompson and Eileen Killian Thompson. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Antoine Killian.

He transitioned on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at the Mooresville Rehabilitation Center, Mooresville, NC.

He completed his early education at East Hickory Elementary School, and he was a 1960 graduate of Ridgeview High School, a proud player of the Panther's Football Team. He attended Catawba Valley Community College Hickory and Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC. Bob was a graduate of Hickory Police Academy. Also, he retired from Norfolk Southern Railroad as an Engineer.

As a member of Clinton Tabernacle, he served as a past president of the Trustee Board, Steward Board member, Emeritus, a member of the Gospel Choir, Men of Zion, and the Usher Board. During his younger years Bobby Louis was custodian of the church. In 2003, he was a recipient of the Pastoral Award for dedication and commitment.

In the Ridgeview Community, he served as past President of the Highlights Senior's Group. He volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels. Also, with his big heart he visited various Health Care Facilities providing patients with essentials and permitted snacks (they loved him).

Bobby Louis was a die-hard Philadelphia Eagle's fan, loved to cook and try new recipes. He was a jokester in his own right and loved his cars and his clothes. He was a person that did not meet a stranger.

He leaves behind fond memories to family and friends, Robert L. Killian, Jr., Conover, NC, Barbara and Rosalyn Killian, Charlotte, NC, a brother John Thompson Jr. (Connie), Shoreview, Minn., two sisters Dorothy and Janice Thompson, Hickory, NC, Aunts Mrs. Dorothy Killian, Hickory, NC, Mrs. Lallage Killian, Lenoir, NC and Mrs. Hattie Adams, Granite Falls, NC; a very special nephew Mykael K. Thompson (Courtney), Raleigh, NC and a host of cousins, and other relatives, church family, neighbors and friends.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16 (kjv)



































